

What is claimed as new and what is desired to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A support assembly for receiving and maintaining one or more sections of an above-ground structure at a substantially upright position, said support assembly comprising:

a base member having a predetermined diameter and a substantially planar top surface, said base member being positionable below a ground surface with said top surface disposed at a substantially horizontal position, said base member including a protrusion connected to said top surface and extending upwardly therefrom in a substantially vertical direction;

a plurality of ancillary members having a plurality of selectively engageable top and bottom end portions defining engaging and receiving portions respectively so that a height of said assembly can be adjusted as desired by a user, one said plurality of ancillary members being positionable onto said base member and for receiving another said plurality of ancillary members thereon; and

a top member selectively engageable with said plurality of ancillary members and being spaced from said base member, said top member including a top end portion having a slot formed therein and for receiving a section of an above-ground structure so that same can be maintained at a secure position.

2. A support assembly of claim 1, wherein said base member has a substantially annular shape.

3. A support assembly of claim 1, wherein said plurality of engaging and receiving portions have corresponding conical shapes respectively.

4. A support assembly of claim 1, wherein said protrusion has a conical shape for engaging said receiving portion of said one ancillary member.

5. A support assembly of claim 1, wherein said top member has an outer surface and a centrally disposed longitudinal axis, said slot having a substantially square first portion positioned about the axis and further having a substantially rectangular portion integral with the first portion and extending outwardly therefrom towards said outer surface of said top member to thereby allow fluids to drain away from said slot.

6. A support assembly of claim 1, wherein said base and top members and said plurality of ancillary members are formed from concrete.

7. A support assembly for receiving and maintaining one or more sections of an above-ground structure at a substantially upright position, said support assembly comprising:

a base member having an annular shape with a predetermined diameter and further having a substantially planar top surface, said base member being positionable below a ground surface with said top surface disposed at a substantially horizontal position, said base member including a protrusion connected to said top surface and extending upwardly therefrom in a substantially vertical direction;

a plurality of ancillary members having a plurality of selectively engageable top and bottom end portions defining engaging and receiving portions respectively so that a height of said assembly can be adjusted as desired by a user, one said plurality of ancillary members being positionable onto said base member and for receiving another said plurality of ancillary members thereon; and

a top member selectively engageable with said plurality of ancillary members and being spaced from said base member, said top member including a top end portion having a slot formed therein and for receiving a section of an above-ground structure so that same can be maintained at a secure position.

8. A support assembly of claim 7, wherein said plurality of engaging and receiving portions have corresponding conical shapes respectively.

9. A support assembly of claim 7, wherein said protrusion has a conical shape for engaging said receiving portion of said one ancillary member.

10. A support assembly of claim 7, wherein said top member has an outer surface and a centrally disposed longitudinal axis, said slot having a substantially square first portion positioned about the axis and further having a substantially rectangular portion integral with the first portion and extending outwardly therefrom towards said outer surface of said top member to thereby allow fluids to drain away from said slot.

11. A support assembly of claim 7, wherein said base and top members and said plurality of ancillary members are formed from concrete.

12. A support assembly for receiving and maintaining one or more sections of an above-ground structure at a substantially upright position, said support assembly comprising:

a base member having an annular shape with a predetermined diameter and further having a substantially planar top surface, said base member being positionable below a ground surface with said top surface disposed at a substantially horizontal position, said base member including a protrusion connected to said top surface and extending upwardly therefrom in a substantially vertical direction;

a plurality of ancillary members having a plurality of selectively engageable top and bottom end portions defining engaging and receiving portions respectively so that a height of said assembly can be adjusted as desired by a user, one said plurality of ancillary members being positionable onto said base member and for receiving another said plurality of ancillary members thereon, said plurality of engaging and receiving portions having corresponding conical shapes respectively; and

a top member selectively engageable with said plurality of ancillary members and being spaced from said base member, said top member including a top end portion having a slot formed therein and for receiving a section of an above-ground structure so that same can be maintained at a secure position.

13. A support assembly of claim 12, wherein said protrusion has a conical shape for engaging said receiving portion of said one ancillary member.

14. A support assembly of claim 12, wherein said top member has an outer surface and a centrally disposed longitudinal axis, said slot having a substantially square first portion positioned about the axis and further having a substantially rectangular portion integral with the first portion and extending outwardly therefrom towards said outer surface of said top member to thereby allow fluids to drain away from said slot.

15. A support assembly of claim 12, wherein said base and top members and said plurality of ancillary members are formed from concrete.